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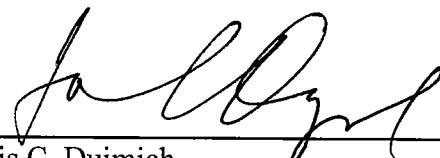
RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed January 17, 2007, Applicants hereby elect the Species 5 of Figs. 18-21B for further prosecution in this application. The claims readable on the elected species include claims 1-4, 7, 8, 11-17 and 20-24.

Favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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